

# Dibble Data

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Col Streit hands the boys their walking papers. First lot of high point Detachment men to leave the Dibble Separation Point were Pfc James Hutton, Pfc John Sosik, Pvt Tom Williams, T/5 Peter Efta, Pvt Herman Allison, T/Sgt Ken Ferryman, T/4 Bernard Welch and T/5 Mel Engum.

## DIBBLE'S SEPARATION POINT GATHERS DISCHARGE SPEED

Dibble's new Separation Point has discharged 225 enlisted men since its inception on 12 September up through 29 September. One hundred fourteen were CDD's; eighty-six included high-point men and those in over-age groups; the remainder were released for other reasons. Three staff officers and two hospital nurses were separated also.

Set up to accelerate the number of discharges, it is expected that approximately 400 men a month will file through the separation point. Colonel A. E. Merrill, NSC Director of Personnel, who inspected the procedures and operations of Dibble's setup last Saturday, found it working smoothly.

## AUTUMN BRINGS GOLD LEAVES

Four DGH staff officers received their majorities on 27 September. Gold leaves now bloom on Major Borchert, MAC, Adjutant; Major Geise, MAC, Registrar; Major Pratt, MC, Orthopedics; Major McCarthy, DC, Dental Clinic.

## Blind Rehab Boys Fly to World Series

Ten lucky patients, three orientors and a staff officer from Dibble's Blind Rehab Program flew to Chicago and Detroit on Monday via United Airlines to cheer and throw pop bottles when the Detroit Tigers, American League winners, and the Chicago Cubs, National champs, meet for the 1945 World Series play-offs.

The San Francisco Examiner is footing the bill for their stay at the Palmer House in Chicago and the Book-Cadillac in Detroit. The government is paying for the flight.

### The Gang That Flew

Patients who took off for the big event were: S/Sgt's Pat Alexander, Melvin Penoyer, Karl Waggoner, Harrison Gilpin, Sgt Brooks Brasher, T/5's Ralph Andres, Peter Nelson, and Pfc's Robert Ward, John Czupowski. Lt Orville Bennett is in charge and escorts are S/Sgt Paul McCormick, Sgt John Carlton and Cpl Sy Katchem.

They were accompanied by a reporter from the Examiner, who will chart their Series days and show them the bright spots.

## 48 NEW RATINGS SWEEP EM DETACHMENT AS OLD DGH VETS WELCOME STRIPES

Pushing vagrant thoughts of discharge from many minds, 48 new ratings swept the Enlisted Detachment last week. Almost all the new stripes were given to Dibble veterans who have been on the post since its early days.

Here's the way the neons fell: To Tech Sergeant: S/Sgts Joe Kael, Bill Kennedy; to Staff Sergeant: Sgts David Bush, Nick Natalizio, Mark Vucovich, Bill Wescoat.

New buck sergeants, horns and all, were: Cpls Jim Dorenbusch, Charles Glass, Elmer Tindall, T/5s Angelo Catania, Dick Degner, George Whale, Walt Minnix, Ed McGinnis, Fred Swan, the latter three in the Recon Branch. To Tec 4: Cpls Charles Clemmons, Arthur Duran, Elmo Glimpse, Wilmer Goba, T/5s Verlin Adams, Rocky Barbour, Al Biagini, John Cartwright, Howard Dinwiddie, Eugene Gorey, Charles Gutkowski, Harold Mohr, Carl Peterson, Nolan Pike, Amado Sardinas, Jerry Thrasher, Bill Tilkin, John Vidvil, Harry Woll.

The new corporals: Pfc's John Adams, Troy Delk, Jose Gonzales, John Pierce, Pete Sciaroni, Vern Stimson, Jack Weiss, Bill Murphy. To Tec 5: Pfc's Cecil Carlton, Omer DeJarnett, Bob Dion, Harvey Matthews, Joseph Smith, George Tyll.

## Army Offers Aid To Qualified Doctors

In order to provide qualified doctors for the peacetime Army, important attractions will be offered to Medical Corps officers who will remain in the Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk announced recently. The regular Army MC officer will be assured a professional career offering broad possibilities in a larger field than the practice of the average civilian doctor affords.

The training and assignments of Army doctors will be arranged to aid them in obtaining certification for specialists from recognized civilian specialty boards. Graduate training will be continued with the establishments of Army fellowships, residencies and special courses.

In addition, the Army affords security  
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## NO SNAFU IN THIS DEAL

Most of us were impressed when we entered the Army at the efficiency of the induction station or reception center. Some wonder if that efficiency carries over to the separation process. Wonder no more, ye skeptics! A glance at Dibble's Separation Point in action leaves one aghast at the job accomplished. Though many departments cooperate to make the process work, and though Finance, QM, Personnel, Outpatient, Vet Administration, USES, all do a fine job—we'd like to salute the little-known but important men who do the separating: Lt Herbert Lidstrom, in charge, working day and night flanked by his trio of enlisted counselors—Sgt Peterson, Cpl Smith and Pfc Lester—and aided immeasurably by Secretary, Mrs. Phelps.

There have been no slip ups—a job had to be done and it meant extra work, there was no fuss and clamor about shortage of personnel. Separatees are handled courteously at all times—counselors are patient and freindly even though their nerves may be on edge. Men are oriented, interviewed, processed, given their papers and sent on their way . . . . . home.

There's no goofing off, no waste motion, no griping. A job's being done.

## GET OUT OF THE CRYING TOWEL

Nowadays, with the accent on separation and demobilization, it's very easy to lose prospective on all that has happened since we entered the war in 1941. The shooting has stopped and those of us left alive occasionally forget how much better off we are than we could have been. We gripe because we're still in service. We wonder why the Army can't let us go home. We moan about how much we've lost by remaining in service.

Someone said all soldiers fall into one of three classes: the dead, the disabled and the lucky. We all agree there is no way to pay the obligation to those who died—anything we can do is but a gesture. It is also generally agreed that the disabled are entitled to the best care the country can give—and while that isn't much, it at least might help them achieve their goal—as normal a life as possible.

And then there are the lucky. That's where most of us are found. We like to think we've lost a lot. How much have we lost—actually? Comparisons are said to be odious—probably contrasts are too. We still have our lives—there were some in this war not that fortunate. We're not seriously wounded—there are many not so fortunate. Some have not felt the separation that overseas duty brings—only those that have, know the feeling. Some have never known what it is to be in combat and face death—a good many do know.

It's so easy to gripe about our own sad lot in life—and so satisfying too. However, once we magnify our troubles out of their real proportions, we become earbenders. And earbenders aren't nice people to live with. They bore. Do you?

## OFFICIAL SCORE BOARD

Official WD box scores and dates which automatically make a GI non-essential and eligible for black tails, white tie: On 1 October: EM—70; EW—36; on 1 November: EM—60; EW—34. All ASR scores are based on computation as of 2 September 1945.

For the brass, effective 1 October, critical score for the release of male officers (except MC) has been lowered to 75; WAC officers—39.

## Dibble AER Will Soothe Tough Financial Pangs

For GI's who are in a tough financial spot, the new Army Emergency Relief Section, recently activated at Dibble with the approval of NSC, will be a life-saver. Providing funds to aid all grades of Army personnel and their dependents, AER is administered by the Commanding Officer in cooperation with the Red Cross.

Used for assistance in a wide variety of confidential matters, AER funds are in some cases given as outright grants instead of cash loans. One thing to note is that AER is not available for furlough funds.

A Board of Officers consisting of Colonel Streit, Capt Draeger, 1st Lt Kazen and 1st Lt Fuchs, has been set up to assist in the administration of AER funds on this post. For more info, call Personal Affairs, Ext 280.



### PROTESTANT Chaplain Ira V. Garrison

Sunday: Worship Service, Closed NP Section, 0900; Sacred Music Concert, Chapel 0930; Preaching Service, 1000; Musical Program, Closed NP Section, 1830. Tuesday: Bible Study and Discussion, Chapel, 1830; Choir Rehearsal, 1930; Office Consultation Hours: Each week day, 0900-1000.

**CATHOLIC**  
 Chaplain William P. O'Connor  
 Sunday: Mass, Chapel, 0610, 0745, 1100; Mass, Closed NP Section, 0900. Week Days: Mass, Chapel, 1700; Confessions, before and after Mass. Saturday: Confessions, 1900-2100.

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 Rabbi Emanuel Kumin  
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All personnel, military and civilian, their family and friends, are invited to attend the services of their choice.

GOD'S BEST BLESSINGS ON YOU!



## Guerrilla Leader's Big Feet A Filipino Jungle Problem

His own American-sized feet were the greatest personal hardship for Capt Swanson, Infantry, during his years as a guerrilla leader in the Philippines from December '41 to last August. "The small Filipino shoes couldn't cope with my 10's, so I walked barefoot for almost a year-and-a-half," the Wd 28 patient relates, "until submarines brought in shoes which were big enough, along with other supplies."

Swanson, who was a civilian working in the Philippine Air Lines before the Jap attack, joined the Army five days after Pearl Harbor as an acting transportation officer. When his convoy was ambushed by the enemy, he gathered remnants and escaped to nearby hills.

### Acted on MacArthur's Orders

"We lay low until native guerrillas began operating so that the Japanese wouldn't retaliate for our actions on American prisoners," the captain explained. The group began their independent warfare on Gen MacArthur's orders, keeping in contact with U.S. prisoners and slipping them food and medical supplies whenever possible. Radio contact with the outer world was established in 1943, after equipment was smuggled in to them.

At times, men escaped from the concentration camps to join guerrilla forces. "We could have liberated a lot of the prisoners," Swanson disclosed, "but there were several hundred who couldn't walk. If these had been left behind, the Japs would have killed them in punishment for the whole group."

### Couldn't Raise Food Supply

"The terrain was perfect for guerrilla fighting, but not for raising a food supply," Swanson recounted. Most of the fish, rice and komotes (a native sweet potato) which the guerrillas ate, had to be brought in by boat and carried at least 150 kilometers on foot. Each person was required to work one day a week to provide the Army's food supply.

The captain's biggest thrill came when carrier-based U.S. planes bombed and sank 48 Jap ships off Mindanao. "We got rich on the gasoline, food and clothing we salvaged!"

### Civilian Week—More Changes

Don't look now . . . but here's still more info on the Dibble civilian work week. Until further notice (!), they will work a 44-hour week, consisting of five eight-hour days, Monday through Friday, with one-half day on Saturday.

### Miss Shea, RC, Is Mrs.

Miss Elizabeth Shea, DGH Red Cross worker who has helped many a Detachment man over rough spots, has changed her name to Mrs. Svend Holmstrop.

## EX-GUERRILLA LEADER



Captain Oscar Swanson, INF

## Gen. Menninger Okays Dibble NP Section

Dibble's neuropsychiatric section came out with high honors in an inspection made last Sunday by Brigadier General William Menninger, Chief Consultant of the NP Division, The Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D. C.

According to Col Shapiro, head of the Dibble NP section, Gen Menninger called the unit here the "finest and best run neuropsychiatric section seen so far on this trip." He commended the individualized treatment given at DGH, and approved the "total push" program which includes extensive use of occupational and recreational facilities. He spoke favorably of the outdoor activity program, calling the beautifying of grounds about the unit "a great aid in the treatment program."

Gen Menninger is making a tour of West Coast NP units, accompanied by Col Lauren Smith, NSC Consultant in neuropsychiatry. The inspection will end on 1 October, with a meeting at Bushnell GH. Representing Dibble at this conference will be Col Shapiro, will read a paper on the neuropsychiatric aspects of the blind.

Gen Menninger's appointment to his one-star rank was approved by the U.S. Senate last week.

### Ribbon to Civvy for 10 Years' Work

Spencer Collingham, employed at Dibble since the hospital was first opened, was last week presented with a ten years' service ribbon in recognition of his work as a civil service employee. Collingham was in charge of civilian personnel when he first came to Dibble in 1943. Later he helped open the Receiving and Evacuation branch. The service ribbon was presented by Miss Alzada Eaton, who has been at Dibble since it opened.

## Revised Point System Finds Many DGH Officers Eligible

The revised point system program announced by Major General Kirk, The Surgeon General, will return 13,000 physicians, 25,000 nurses, 3500 dentists and an undetermined number of other Medical Department officers to civilian life by 1 January 1946, finds a number of Dibble staff officers eligible for release.

Under the plan, MC and DC officers who have 80 points, are 48 years of age, or have been in the Army since Pearl Harbor, will be released unless they are specialists in certain EENT work, plastic surgery, orthopedic surgery, neuropsychiatry or are laboratory technicians. These specialists will be released only if they were on active duty since 1940.

Thirteen of Dibble's medical staff are eligible for release under the new system, with two DC officers, also.

### Over 70 DGH Nurses Eligible

A similar cut was made in the point score for nurses: holders of 35 points, 35-year-olds, all married nurses and those with children under 14 years are eligible for immediate release. The same conditions apply to Physical Therapists and Dietitians if their point score is 40, or if they are 40 years old. Over 70 Dibble nurses fall into this category, plus two Medical Department Dietitians. First Lts David and Price, ANC, have already gone.

Medical Administrative and Sanitary Corps officers need 70 points, must be 42 years of age, or must have been in the service since Pearl Harbor before they are on deck for release. Of five MAC officers eligible here, two have already been discharged: Capt Mulkey and Lt Marsh.

General Kirk added that in some cases essential officers may be retained by military necessity until replacements are shifted to their positions, but none will be held after 15 December 1945 without their consent.

### Women's Assn Has "Dibble Day"

"Dibble Day" was the theme of the opening session of the fall program of the Women's Association of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

Honor guests from the hospital at the opening luncheon on 27 September included Col Paul H. Streit, MC, Commanding Officer, Col Howland A. Gibson, MC, Maj Walter Macomber, MC, Maj Stanley F. Erpf, DC, Lt Mary J. Kunz, Mrs. Martha Barrows, Dibble Red Cross head, and Sgt Steve Cravath. Dibble patient Sgt Louis Ormandy was the featured violin soloist.

### Back Pay—40 Grand

Washington (CNS) — Gen Wainwright collected his back pay—\$41,893.45, less payments to Mrs. Wainwright.





# Don't Look Now Brother . . . But This Could Happen to You!



T/4 John Stewart, late of the Medical Art Lab and DIBBLE DATA staff artist, reported to the Separation Classification Office, Wd 22, ready to toss his khakis into a GI can and don a suit of gray pin-striped civvys. Probably for the first time in his Army career, he sat through a final orientation lecture (above) without falling asleep . . . Then one last GI movie, telling him about some of the educational and occupational rights he earned by serving in the Army, with added hints on a few of the problems he will face upon becoming a civilian again.

With the other separatees, Stewart was given a work sheet and tramped off to the Outpatient's Clinic . . . to learn that getting out of the Army isn't much different from coming in. With a manly howl he gave a sample of his blood to T/5 Norma Westrum in the Lab (right) . . . a round of clinics . . . X-Ray . . . Dental . . . EENT . . . back to the OPC for a final physical. Between times there was plenty of waiting in lines . . . just to be sure he wouldn't forget . . .



The Transportation Office was the next point in Stewart's tour . . . where payment was arranged for his trip home . . . five cents per mile to the point of induction . . .

Having previously suffered a showdown clothing check with the detachment supply sergeant, Stewart packed his barracks bag, hoisted it to his shoulder for the last time . . . trekked to QM Supply to turn in all his Army issue except one uniform and blouse.

Back in Separation Classification and Counseling (left), Stewart was interviewed by T/4 Carl Peterson . . . They covered the sergeant's working experience from pre-war civilian years through his army career. This information was compiled into "Form 100," which is a complete occupational history made on each individual discharge . . . Along the way Stewart picked up a pint-sized library of pamphlets giving all the dope on his rights as a veteran . . . for loans to build a home . . . start a business . . . how to go back to school under the GI Bill . . . how to learn a trade at government expense.



It's the final pay-off! . . . On the third morning Stewart was in line again, this time at the Finance Office (above). . . . Ready to grab those greenbacks . . . which covered his mustering-out pay, travel pay, and any other which was due him . . . those precious honorable discharge papers . . . and a gold button to glitter from the lapel of his pin-stripe to show that he, too, did time . . .

Traveling light . . . and fast, in case anyone should change his mind (below) . . . He headed out of Headquarters at sixty per toward the nearest shop which offered snappy sports shirts . . . No more khakis . . . No more rank . . . No more rising at six in the morning to make an OD bed . . . That was MISTER John Stewart . . . Whose address for a month or so will be a hideout in the hills . . . and the only channels he'll ever go through again will be watery ones where plenty of trout swim . . .



Being an ASF man, Stewart bucked the AGF and AAF liaison offices . . . If he had come under one of these groups, another conference would have been in order . . . a check to be sure he had received all medals and awards due him . . . more data on a government-furnished education and its importance . . . any advice he wanted.

By the time he reached the last of his conferences, with Mr. Edward C. Bryant, of the Veterans Administration (above), Stewart was fairly crammed with the ins and outs of all the privileges and helps he could receive as an ex-serviceman . . . He rehashed his own plans for setting up a business with the VA representative . . . got a reminder that the Vets Administration is the place to go in any future pinches . . .

Armed with more pamphlets . . . plenty of food for thought . . . a green and gold discharge insignia over his right pocket, Stewart retired to sweat out another day before he was actually a "free man" . . . Meantime, he roamed the hospital halls to bid beaming farewells . . . Held forth over his empty footlocker on the joys of being through with the Army . . . Ate his last GI chow . . . Collected some fishing tackle . . . Mooned over road maps . . .







## WARD MATTER

Post-war planner LeRoy Hoagland, Wd 5, has achieved his first two objectives . . . A deluxe Plymouth convertible, stream-lined in every detail, and a beautiful blonde behind the wheel, quite as streamlined . . . Smooth!

The voice of the swami sways destinies of Wd 4 . . . Fidel Pacheco, Armand Rey, John Trujillo and Steve Rivas are four who have been manipulating their Ouija board . . . They swear it knows all, tells all . . . Okay, boys, when do we get out? . . . And on Wd 2 a piccolo trio pipes shrill tunes when E. L. Wortman, Tony Coppolino and Clovis Chartrand make music.

On the same ward, Art Dawkins swears he will write a book about his adventures in a Link Trainer . . . One chapter is to be devoted to "How I Won My Good Conduct Medal" . . . Faye Buckner, Ted Kenny, Clinton Witter and George Varne have topped all known records with a 13-hour pinocle game on Wd 28.

Possibly anticipating a post-war boom in handkerchief manufacture, Dominick Balingheri has topped all of Wd 24 in a turn-out of white-pine hankie boxes, assisted by Melvin Lea and George Thieroff . . . A collection worth gazing on has been carved from redwood and balsam by Richard Heidsiek. On display in Wd 6, it includes horses of all description. . . .

Patients on Wd 28 keep things flying with a miniature battleship which flips wooden bullets across the ward . . . Favorite target is the wardmaster carrying a food tray.

### The Wolf

by Sansone



## CADET CAPERS

C/N Grace Davis

Never say die. "Torchy" Greenfield insists her bow-legs are due to the horseback riding lessons she and Cadet Markling are taking, and has hip-pocket bruises to prove it . . . She walked back to the stables after one mount threw her.

Cadet Day's aptness at drill was explained when she confided she learned to drill in a ballet class . . . How many GI's can make the same claim? . . . Following first pay checks, the cadets went on eating binges en masse. Any night will find some of them touring around the hors d'oeuvre tables at Ricky's or Dinah's . . . Winnings from the one-armed bandits at the Officers' Club carried Cadets Cook and Davis through four days of poverty recently. Who said gambling was evil?

Four enterprising cadets are making plans to install a foot comfort station in their quarters. To feature corn plasters and arch supports, they expect to retire on profits from their concession.

## Col Gale Heads for Wisconsin

Colonel Joseph W. Gale, MC, Director of the Professional Division, left Dibble last Tuesday to return to his former position as Professor of Surgery at the University of Wisconsin. He came here in December 1943, and was Chief of the Surgery Branch until Col Corr left last June.

Entering the service in June 1942, he helped activate the 44th General Hospital, which represented the University's medical school, at Fort Custer, Michigan. The colonel was Chief of Surgery in the 1000-bed unit which later landed on Leyte.

A graduate of Washington University in 1924, Col Gale has been at Wisconsin since 1927. He is also the thoracic surgeon for the State TB Sanatorium.

## You Must Get One . . .

New York (CNS)—For all you nostalgic fellows who will want something to remember the Army by after discharge, here's just the thing: a sterling silver money clip with a place to snap on one of your dog tags.

The jeweler selling it advertises that the dog tag is "so important a part of (the vet's) life in the service that most men will want to keep it . . . as a lucky pocket piece, as a lifelong memento, as permanent identification, and for its utility value." Only \$6.95, too!



## BOQ

By I. M. Disgustit

Orange blossoms in September . . . Lt Rosellini's honeymoon is over . . . the Hammond-Meadows match has been burning since April . . . Lts Thieler and Hoven haven't reported in yet, but BOQ is being slowly whittled down.

Back from the Boston Bean . . . Major Pike spent a week at the ASF Quartermaster orthopedic clinic . . . Major Kilgore, off leave, was met by rumors that he's anxious for RA . . . it's Capt Miner now, y'know.

Swelling roster . . . Lt Col Mitchell, Major Beck, Lts Shedoudy, Emery, Hoblit, McCall. . . .

No more highballs for . . . Col Gale, back to Wisconsin U; Capt Mulkey, to Fresno State; Lt Marsh, to El Segundo and the motel biz. . . .

In case you don't know . . . no one has ever discovered the identity of this column's author . . . but should he, her or it be unmasked, there is no reward whatsoever for the return of the corpus delicti.

## Blind OT Gets \$1000 Donation

A donation of \$1000 to be used for equipment in Dibble's Blind Occupational Therapy shop was presented last week by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers of San Francisco. Col Streit accepted the gift from Mrs. Mabel Leonard, president of the chapter, with thanks.

## VETERANS—Know Your Bill of Rights!





## WAC Wise

By Winnie the Pooh

The newly-added day room piano gets a workout . . . "Tess" Riggers and "Gus" Chesley alternate between grand opera and hillbilly tunes . . . Glee Clubbers Hewitt, Gilver, Hull, Guerrero, Olson and Stone started early to practice Xmas carols . . . Mayes, Sedillo and Miller are no longer "little orphans," having been added to the WAC Hospital Company roster . . . Top-kick (and high diver) Laura Kasmierczak will ring up three years of WAC duty come January.

Kiss 'em hello for us . . . Neva Hill, familiar face at the PX, greeted her daughter from Cincinnati . . . PT Cora Pederson had an after-many-moon reunion with her brother upon his return from Italy . . . Jane Ledbetter met her sailor brother for the first time in eight years.

Debaters Dominitz and Gage, who debated the negative in last week's "Women Should Stay at Home" orientation, claim neither is a 30-year woman . . . While their sisters in uniform fail to back up their arguments . . . Dorothy Main changed her name to Kane at Reno, Nevada . . . Esther Herrin, in an all-military wedding gave 'way to the Navy . . . ditto Edith Carozza . . . And the gal with the foot-locker trousseau, Helen Amundsen, hopes to use it soon . . . Milly Dietz and Leslie Stoll each announced engagements.

Plenty of Cinderellas were hunting their slippers . . . mid-way through the NCO dance . . . Pellicier and Mendoza led the stocking-footed jitterbugs . . .

### Nurses May File for RA Spots

Army nurses, interested in being considered for a commission in the Regular Army, may file a Statement of Interest to The Adjutant General. A number of outstanding officers will be needed in the peacetime establishment. Until appropriate legislation is enacted, the War Department cannot announce the conditions which will govern officer selection or the number required.

CAPT PHILIP S. GELLER, MC



### 18 Months in Iceland Didn't Cool Him Off

Although he looks as rugged as a left tackle and has a tough beard, this New England lad is a merry, cheery Joe . . . even though he frightens kids. A Tufts graduate, he settled among the Rhode Island hens before coming into the Army in 1941.

After 18 months of duty in Iceland, he has a terrific aversion to ice cubes, even in his cokes. Wants to pitch his tent in California and practice surgery and the violin . . . is he hedging? He rates high as a ballroom partner but he confines his double shuffle to the Officers' Club.

His tennis is improving despite the fact that he doesn't smoke or drink . . . although he does swear occasionally. Worries about his weight and is thinking seriously of cutting down to three meals a day.

Has pounded Dibble's corridors since

## Medical DT's

Short on height . . . but Charley Palmer can take care of 1500 feet of reel dope in no time . . . Be it known for all time—the name is Walter Lester.

Those Detachment ratings sent morale sky-rocketing faster than a buzz bomb . . . only thing better is an honorable discharge.

Something to see . . . Harold Krueger offsetting bulging leg muscles with a 1904 swim suit . . . Angelo Catania deftly handling of the mails as he cracks wise about the ceiling on stamps. . .

Non-compos mentis . . . Bob Cranna jiterbugging at the NCO party . . . "Smoky" handling his love life as carefully as his beer . . . Ben Morrison doing a human fly act to get an angle shot of the diners . . . the beauteous array of EM wives . . . buddies pouring buddies into bunks in the early morn . . . what a whopperoo!

Theme song for discharges . . . "Good, Good, Good." Gone with the breeze are "Hot Lips" Davis, Ed Cashner, Big Clarence York, "Pop" Farkas, John Stewart, John Laranzo, Floyd Sheets and more daily . . .

And more . . . Tommy Cooper has a tough time deciding on which side of the girl to dance . . . Earl Ellison's blood pressure is down to five points since the Det loud speaker system saves leg work.

Better switch to pasteurized milk if you can't repeat rapidly—"Rubber Baby Buggy Bumper."

### PA System Operates in Det Area

The Detachment's public address system, donated by Dibble's NCO Club last July, is now in operation throughout all men's barracks, the Day Room, class room and unit supply.

November '43, when the Guest House served as the Administration Building . . . but fondly expects to trade khaki for whites soon.

Says his claim to distinction is that he and General MacArthur are the only two U. S. Army officers who wear pleated trousers.

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### No Chicken, Inspector





## 700 Spectators Cheer as DGH WAC Queen is Crowned

Under a perfect sky on Sunday, 23 September, and with over 700 sun-baked spectators cheering the events, Colonel Gibson, DGH Executive Officer, dedicated the Dibble pool as a "recreational facility for hard-working GIs." Preceding the aquacade, which brought swimming and dancing stars, was a WAC Bathing Beauty Contest, and a Comedy Contest for men.

### Pick Dibble Queen

Jack Greer, USO official, and Curley Grieve, Sports Editor of the San Francisco Examiner, acting as masters of ceremonies, trotted out 11 shapely contestants for the title of "Miss DIBWAC," 1945." Crowned queen by popular acclaim was T/5 Irene Stepp, a medical technician who hails from Montezuma, Iowa. She, in turn, crowned Col Gibson with a resounding kiss when he awarded her first prize.

Runners-up were Shirley Cooper and Tess Rigers. The remaining court included Mary Taylor, Emily Chmielewski, Adeline Rosana, Agnes Larkin, Norma Westrum, Margie Williams, Marvel Mitchell, and Pat Marsh.

The Comedy GIs, who paraded in bathing suits, vintage 1904, included Romano Johnston, Len Cuthbert, Archie Bomer, George Munyer, John Tanniciello, Marine Lynch, Nyle Tribble, Tony Mastronardi and Harold Krueger. Blonde Jim Reynolds, Wd 38, copped first prize. Best couple, according to the fans, were Long Len Cuthbert and Tiny Norma Westrum.

### Top-notch Aquatic Stars

The aquacade of water stars which followed included top-notch swimmers and divers, all from the Crystal Club's roster of champions. Rose Kaufman, Patricia Sinclair, "Sugar" Sahner, Lorraine Fisher and Patty McPherson exhibited swimming form. From the high board, Vicki Manalo, Joe Marino, Frank McGuigan and 11-year-old Morley Shapiro took off in superb diving exhibitions. Clyde Diaz, the Olympic Club's water clown, had the crowd in stitches with his comedy dives. Other events included relay races and a ballet.

Under the joint sponsorship of the San Francisco Examiner and the San Francisco USO Council, the aquacade was arranged by DGH Special Services. All cash prizes were given by the Examiner; fountain pens, cigarette lighters and compacts came from Special Services.

## BLIND REHAB REQUESTS . . .

The Blind Rehabilitation Program once again requests all personnel not to assist blind patients in any way unless specifically asked to do so. The patients are being trained to get around by themselves. Assistance from untrained persons, despite their good intentions, causes a great deal of confusion to the patient.

## CINEMA

Sat., 6 Oct.	1900
<b>Radio Stars on Parade</b>	
Frances Langford, Skinnay Ennis	
<b>If A Body Meets a Body</b>	
Three Stooges	
Sun. & Mon., 7-8 Oct.	1815, 2015
<b>Three Strangers</b>	
G. Fitzgerald, S. Greenstreet	
Tues., 9 Oct.	1815, 2015
<b>Isle of the Dead</b>	
Boris Karloff, Ellen Drew	
Thurs. 11 Oct.	1815, 2015
<b>The Cowboy and the Lady</b>	
Gary Cooper, Merle Oberon	
Fri., 12 Oct.	1815, 2015
<b>Men in Her Diary</b>	
Jon Hall, Louise Allbritton	
<b>Army-Navy Screen Mag.</b>	
Sat., 13 Oct.	1815, 2015
<b>Love, Honor and Goodbye</b>	
John Loder, Virginia Bruce	
Sun. & Mon., 14-15 Oct.	1815, 2015
<b>State Fair</b>	
Jeanne Crain, Dana Andrews, Dick Haymes	
Tues., 18 Oct.	1800, 2015
<b>Crime Doctor's Warning</b>	
Warner Baxter, Dusty Anderson	
<b>River Gang</b>	
Gloria Jean, John Qualen	
Thurs., 18 Oct.	1815, 2015
<b>To Have and Have Not</b>	
Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall	
Fri., 19 Oct.	1815, 2015
<b>Shady Lady</b>	
Charles Coburn, Ginny Simms	

## Patients Entertainment Schedule

Sat., 6 Oct.	1900
<b>Kitchen Party</b>	
RC	
Sun., 7 Oct.	1415
<b>McKinney Movie</b>	
RC	
<b>Snack Bar</b>	
RC	
Mon., 8 Oct.	
<b>GI Movie</b>	
Recon 1300	
<b>Dancing Class</b>	
RC 1930	
Tues., 9 Oct.	
<b>Business Counseling</b>	
Recon 1300-1600	
<b>"Over 21"—Movie</b>	
RC 1815	
Wed., 10 Oct.	
<b>Business Forum</b>	
Recon 1000	
<b>Game Night</b>	
RC 1900	
<b>Palomian Folk Dancers</b>	
RC 1915	
Thurs., 11 Oct.	
<b>Open House</b>	
RC	
<b>Business Counseling</b>	
Recon 1300-1600	
Fri., 12 Oct.	
<b>Group Discussion</b>	
Recon 1300	
<b>Arthur Murray Dance Class</b>	
SS 1500	
<b>Movie—"Lady on a Train"</b>	
RC 1745-1930	

## Music Center in Operation At Special Services Section

For all patients who sing or play musical instruments—no matter what the degree of skill—or who wants to learn, a music center has been set up in the south wing of Wd 22. Headed by W/O Charles S. Miller, former teacher of instrumental music in North Carolina public Schools, the section offers a basic course in music-reading, instrumental lessons for absolute beginners and practice facilities for musicians of all standings.

Three pianos, all necessary wind instruments, guitars, mandolins and ukeleles are ready for patients' use, with instruction books furnished. Many of the instruments may be checked out for overnight use or longer.

Local instructors have volunteered to assist Mr. Miller on a part-time basis. Miller formerly led the 590th AAF Band.

## AFL Teamsters Toss Our Demons Out on Strikes

By S/Sgt Bob Wylie

With a constant threat of a strike at the plate, the AFL Teamsters Local 774 won over the Demon softballers 6 to 3 in Palo Alto, 25 September.

Leroy Doolittle, Wd 7, began pitching steady ball but met his nemesis in the fourth when he walked two and allowed two hits in succession. This loaded the sacks and Doolittle was chased to right field by Roy Garcia.

Catcher Owen Boyagen replaced Stubbs as receiver but failed to hold Garcia as two runs scored on free balls at the plate. Doolittle and Stubbs leads the batting with two for two apiece with Charley Stone, Wd. 14, getting a good double to right center.

## NSC Service Award Ceremony

Formal presentation of the Meritorious Service Award to Dibble General Hospital, 1985 SCU by the Commanding General, NSC, on 7 June 1945, was made in the Red Cross Auditorium last Tuesday.

Colonel Streit, CO, accepted the plaque from Major Borchert, Adjutant, who represented Ninth Service Command. The award, granted for "superior performance of duty" between 1 December 1944 and 31 January 1945, has been anxiously awaited by the entire Dibble staff.

The insignia, a square patch of olive drab with a golden yellow laurel wreath superimposed, is now available at Unit Supply.

## SS Offers Radio Training

Patients interested in participating in Radio Workshop functions—engineering, announcing, acting or writing, contact Special Services, Ext. 188.



## The Men Who Know How Give Patients Lowdown on Business Counseling Program

Dibble's Educational Recon Section is trying something unique in the way of book-larnin,' and with the assistance of the Pacific Advertising Association, hopes to give hospital patients a chance to get the lowdown on business from the men who know.

A business counseling program has been set up on a two-day-a-week schedule, whereby business men of the Bay Area come to the hospital for a three-hour stay. The counselor visits the wards with most bed patients interested in business and later meets with interested ambulant patients in the Education Center in the rear of the Post Theater to answer their questions.

Details are being worked out by Lt Lilly, Ed Recon Officer, and Mr. Charles Collier, head of the PAA. Actual running of counseling sessions will be the job of Sgt Mary Stephens, WAC counselor.

First on the list during the last week were Mr. Nagel T. Miner and Adolph Stoll

of Golden Gate College, discussing "General Field of Business Opportunity," followed by Mr. W. B. Tyler, C&H Sugar Co.; on "The Legal Field."

Consultants scheduled for the next two weeks are as follows: Automotive Field, Mr. Donald Still, General Motors Corp.; Banking, Mr. Lon C. Townsend, Bank of America; Retail Business, Mr. David Street, Retail Merchants Association; Newspaper business, Mr. Ray Lovett, Peninsula Newspaper Publishers Association.

Other business fields to be discussed later include: radio, printing, furniture, insurance, advertising, electrical business, motion picture business, engineering and mechanical fields.

A survey of patients more specific interests has been taken by Sgt Stephens, assisted by Sgt O. E. Duckett, patient at the Convalescent Annex. From this survey future programs will be planned and appropriate counselors secured.

## Doctors Assured of Careers By New Army Program

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in its pension system, hospitalization care and other considerations not usually available in civilian practice, Gen Kirk said. Civilian practice, on the whole, involves considerable uncertainty; many factors seriously limit the scope of the practice a doctor can engage in.

### Graduate Training Set Up

Graduate training programs will be established at Army installations, where residencies and accreditation requirements needed for appropriate specialty boards will be arranged, according to Colonel Floyd L. Wergeland, SGO's Director of the Training Division, and Chairman of the committee handling the professional training of Army doctors. The establishment of Army internships at selected Army general hospitals will be another phase of the program.

A procedure for giving professional rehabilitation and specialized training to RA Medical Corps officers who have been in administrative work during the war has been outlined. Unable to engage in practice because of their responsibilities, they will serve as understudies with doctors who have been active in professional practice. This assignment will lead to specialty board certification.

## Tokyo YANK Is Top Scoop

New York (AIB) — YANK, The Army Weekly climaxed its world-wide publishing career by printing the first American publication in Tokyo one week before the official occupation of the Japanese capital, a cable from YANK's Tokyo bureau reveals.

Sgt George Baker, creator of the famous Sad Sack, Sgt Les Schonberg and WO Earl D. Erickson moved into Tokyo—at the time off limits to most Army personnel—a week ahead of the main occupation forces and took over an offset printing plant in the Japanese capital. A few days later Sgt Joe McCarthy, YANK's Managing Editor, joined them. Working under cover and against almost incredible difficulties, the four GI newspaper men turned out a souvenir edition of YANK complete with a cover picture of the surrender ceremonies aboard the Missouri and a lead article describing the American occupation of Japan.

The first copy of YANK's Tokyo edition to roll off a Japanese press was waiting to be delivered to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur upon his arrival at Nippon's capital yesterday.

## New Registration for Cars

All present DGH automobile registration numbers become void today, 6 October. All personnel, military and civilian, were to have re-registered their cars at the Guard House during the past week.

## Awful Fake

Washington (CNS)—Secret Service reports a flood of crude counterfeit \$50 notes in Milan. They were marked: "redeemable in awful currency of the United States Treasury."

## MacArthur Uses Nisei Interpreters

Los Angeles (CNS)—The War Relocation Authority said Gen MacArthur will use Nisei (Americans of Japanese descent) for intelligence work and as interpreters. They were trained at a secret Army school, the announcement said, and are of "unquestioned loyalty."

## Pts Should Report War Crimes

Any overseas personnel who have knowledge of any incident or the commission of any act by the enemy which they think might be a war crime, should promptly report it to Lt Lamb, Director of Security and Intelligence at Dibble.

## New Chaplain Is Vet of Two Wars

Lt Colonel William P. O'Connor, Catholic Chaplain, who served overseas in both wars has been assigned to Dibble from Stark GH. Chaplain O'Connor went to the ETO with the first contingent of the 5th Army Corps in January 1942, and returned stateside in July, 1945.

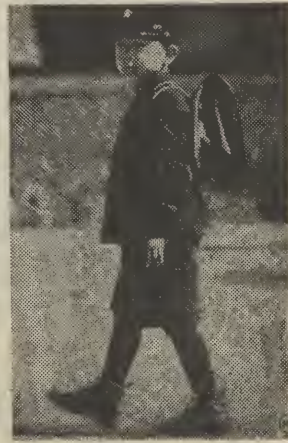
## This Is The Royal Family of Japan



Emperor Hirohito will take orders from the Allied Supreme Commander.

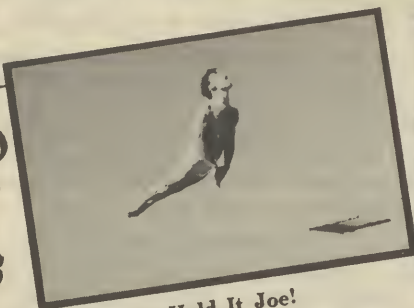


Empress of Japan remains secluded and is seldom photographed.



Crown Prince Akihito, 11, on his way to school, is next in line to Hirohito.





Hold It Joe!



Beauty and the Beast



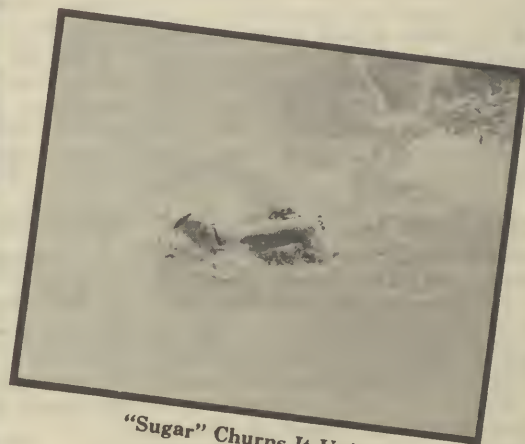
Vicki Floats Through the Air . . .



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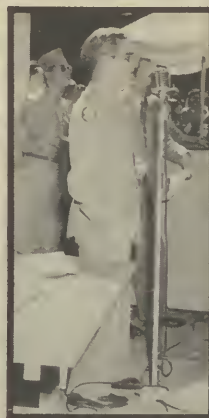
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"Sugar" Churns It Up!



Miss DIBWAC Holds Court



Col Gibson Opens . . .



No Hips—No Shapes—All Busts!

AMUNDSEN

700 spectators saw top diving and swimming champs at the opening of the DGH pool, Sunday, 23 September, plus WAC beauties, lots of laughs and aquacading—thanks to S.F. Examiner and S.F. USO Council.